

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 96

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A RESOLUTION to designate April 10-16, 2005, as "Public Safety Telecommunicator Week" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, seldom observed by the public, Public Safety Telecommunicators nevertheless provide an essential service in our society; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of dedicated Public Safety Telecommunicators daily serve the citizens of Tennessee by answering their requests for emergency services, providing moral support, and dispatching the appropriate assistance as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs, the prompt dispatch of the appropriate Public Safety Agencies is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, in many emergency situations, Public Safety Telecommunicators make the difference between life and death; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are a vital link between citizens in distress and Public Safety Agencies, as they are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with such agencies; and

WHEREAS, the safety of our Public Safety Agencies' officers and employees is, in fact, dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained by Public Safety Telecommunicators from citizens seeking assistance from the Emergency Communications Centers in our State; and,

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States has permanently established the second week of April of each year as "National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week" to honor the many Public Safety Telecommunicators who assist in providing emergency services to citizens across this great nation; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Emergency Number Association (TENA), an organization that has ably represented this State's Emergency Communication Districts for twenty years, has requested the designation of the same week in Tennessee to duly recognize our Public Safety Telecommunicators' compassion, understanding, and professionalism in the performance of their jobs; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that in the interest of increasing public awareness of the vital service provided by these dedicated professionals, April 10-16, 2005, is hereby designated "Public Safety Telecommunicator Week" in Tennessee. This Body urges all citizens to participate in the observance of this special occasion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.